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SUBJECT: THREAT ASSESSMENT FOR POTENTIAL VISIT OF IDI AMIN
TO UN FOR DEDICATION CEREMONIES

REF: BONN 6619

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR TELEPHONIC REQUEST FOR A THREAT
ESTIMATE ON IDI AMIN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEDICATION
OF THE NEW BUILDING FOR THE UGANDAN MISSION TO THE UN
(REFTEL), TAG HAS REVIEWED CURRENT INTELLIGENCE AND CON-
TACTED OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES. THE INTELLIGENCE SEARCH
RESULTS INDICATE THAT THERE ARE NO KNOWN THREATS OR PLOTS
AGAINST IDI AMIN. HOWEVER, DUE TO AMIN'S CONTROVERSIAL
METHOD OF RULE, IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT THERE WOULD BE
DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST HIS VISIT SHOULD HE COME TO THE UN.

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ALTHOUGH NO PLOTS OR DEMONSTRATION PLANS ARE KNOWN AT
THIS TIME, THIS COULD CHANGE QUICKLY AS WORD OF THE VISIT
SPREADS.

2. USSS IS AWARE OF SEVERAL UNBALANCED INDIVIDUALS WHO
HAVE WRITTEN TO EXPRESS THEIR EXTREME DISPLEASURE WITH
AMIN AND WITH HIS MANNER OF RULE. NONE OF THESE INDI-

VIDUALS, HOWEVER, IS CONSIDERED DANGEROUS AT THIS TIME.

3. MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL) AS WELL AS OTHER JEWISH GROUPS ARE KNOWN TO HARBOR GRIEVANCES AGAINST AMIN FOR HIS PART IN THE PALESTINIAN HIJACKING IN JULY 1976 DURING WHICH ISRAELI CITIZENS WERE HELD AT ENTEBBE AIRPORT. DURING THIS PERIOD THE UGANDAN UN MISSION RECEIVED NUMEROUS BOMB THREATS FROM INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED FOR THE HOSTAGES AT ENTEBBE. IT IS TAG OPINION THAT THE JDL WOULD VIEW A U.S. VISIT BY AMIN AS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO VENT THEIR HOSTILITIES. CURRENTLY, HOWEVER, THE JEWISH GROUPS ARE CONCERNED WITH THE FREEDOM OF SHARANSKY, A SOVIET DISSIDENT WHO IS BEING HELD IN MOSCOW AND THEY MAY LET THIS COMPLAINT TAKE PRECEDENCE. THE JEWISH GROUPS WHICH REGULARLY CONDUCT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE STUDENT STRUGGLE FOR SOVIET JEWRY, THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, THE SOVIET JEWRY ACTION GROUP, AND VARIOUS "DEFENSE COMMITTEES." THE JDL IS BY FAR THE MOST EXTREME AND VIOLENT OF THESE GROUPS; WHEN THEIR MEMBERS DEMONSTRATE, ARRESTS USUALLY RESULT.

4. REPORTEDLY VARIOUS UGANDAN EXILES MET IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA ON AUGUST 8, 1977 IN AN EFFORT TO UNITE ALL UGANDAN RESISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS TO FORM A COMMON FRONT TO OVERTHROW THE AMIN REGIME. SUCH GROUPS AS THE FREEDOM FOR UGANDANS MOVEMENT OF NEW YORK, THE UGANDAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF TANZANIA, AND THE UGANDA PASSIVE RESISTANCE

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MOVEMENT OF KENYA WERE PRESENT. ATTEMPTS TO VERIFY THAT ANY UGANDAN EXILES IN RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES ATTENDED THAT MEETING OR INTEND SUCH ACTION HAVE BEEN FRUITLESS. THE COMMITTEE ON UGANDA IS HEADQUARTERED IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, AND SEEMS TO HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS AND EDUCATION FOR UGANDAN CHILDREN AS ITS BASIC MOTIVATIONS. THE MISSIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF UGANDAN MOVEMENT ARE THE RESTORATION OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA. THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF UGANDA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF UGANDA OR ORGANIZATION OF UGANDAN EXILES WOULD PROBABLY DEMONSTRATE IF GIVEN ENOUGH NOTICE TO PREPARE BEFORE AN AMIN VISIT.

5. IN CONCLUSION, THE GREATEST THREAT AGAINST AMIN WOULD BE FROM A LONE ASSASSIN OR MENTALLY UNBALANCED INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SEEKING TO TAKE JUSTICE INTO HIS OWN HANDS. SECONDLY, THE THREAT OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND POSSIBLE BOMB THREATS OR EVEN FIRE BOMBINGS COMES FROM THE JEWISH GROUPS, PARTICULARLY THE JDL. FINALLY, HARASSMENTS BY UGANDAN EXILES COULD ALSO BE EXPECTED, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF SUCH.

6. SY/CC/TAG WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS SITUATION
AND KEEP YOU INFORMED OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS, BUT SINCE PRO-
TECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FALLS TO THE USSS, TAG WILL DEFER
TO THAT AGENCY FOR FINAL THREAT ASSESSMENT. VANCE

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